

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 10, 12 and 15 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]]):

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tag for identifying instruments, the tag comprising:
a body having:
an insertion portion configured to be **inserted** ~~received~~ within an instrument-holding device; and
a labeling panel configured to be selectively marked with user-selected identification information.
2. (Currently Amended) The tag of claim 1, wherein the instrument-holding device includes a cushion, and the insertion portion is configured for **insertion** ~~receipt~~ within the cushion.
3. (Original) The tag of claim 1, wherein the labeling panel is adapted to be selectively marked with a marking instrument.
4. (Original) The tag of claim 1, wherein the user-selected identification information is client-identity information.

5. (Original) The tag of claim 1, wherein the user-selected identification information is provider-identity information.

6. (Original) The tag of claim 1 further comprising at least one use tab configured to indicate instrument usage.

7. (Original) The tag of claim 6, wherein the at least one use tab is removable.

8. (Original) The tag of claim 1, wherein the body is adapted to withstand a steam autoclave.

9. (Original) The tag of claim 1, wherein the body is color-coded.

10. (Currently Amended) The tag of claim 1, wherein the body is configured to may be selectively released from a packaging ring.

11. (Original) An identification tag for a dental servicing system configured to receive instruments, the identification tag comprising:

an insertion portion configured to be removably inserted within a cushion of the dental servicing system;

a labeling portion configured to be selectively marked with user-selected identification information; and

a use tab configured to indicate instrument usage.

12. (Currently Amended) The identification tag of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of removable use tabs, wherein each use tab ~~may~~ is configured to be selectively removed to indicate the number of times the instruments have been used.

13. (Original) The identification tag of claim 11, wherein the insertion portion is configured to be substantially secured within the cushion adjacent the instruments.

14. (Original) The identification tag of claim 11, wherein the identification tag is configured to withstand steam autoclaving.

15. (Currently Amended) An identification tag for identifying an instrument set, the identification tag comprising:

means for positioning the identification tag substantially adjacent an instrument set within an instrument-holding device;

means for selectively labeling the identification tag with identification information.

16. (Original) The identification tag of claim 15, further comprising a means for indicating the number of uses of the instrument set.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of organizing an instrument set, the method comprising:

selecting an instrument-holding device;

selecting a visually-coded identification tag having an insertion portion; and

inserting the insertion portion of the visually-coded identification tag into the instrument-holding device to identify an instrument set within the instrument-holding device.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein the instrument-holding device includes a cushion and a socket-forming member and wherein selecting an instrument-holding device includes selecting at least one of a visually-coded cushion and a visually-coded socket-forming member.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein selecting a visually-coded identification tag includes selecting a color-coded identification tag.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, further comprising marking the visually-coded identification tag with user-selected identification information.

21. (Withdrawn) A kit for organizing instrument sets, the kit comprising:

a visually-coded instrument-holding device; and

a visually-coded identification tag, wherein the visually-coded identification tag includes an insertion portion adapted to be received within the visually-coded instrument-holding device.

22. (Withdrawn) The kit of claim 21, wherein the instrument-holding device includes at least one of a color-coded cushion and a color-coded socket-forming member.

23. (Withdrawn) The kit of claim 21, wherein the visually-coded identification tag includes a labeling panel configured to be selectively marked with user-selected identification information.

24. (Withdrawn) The kit of claim 21, wherein the visually-coded identification tag is color coded.